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CHARLOTTETOWN CANADA, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1957



TOURIST COMMITTEE REPORTS AT APEC

Very interesting points were brought to light in the presentation of the tourist report at the APEC meeting yesterday. Seen taking part in these presentations are left to right, O. Nelson, J. L. Dewar, Charlottetown; Arthur Johnson, St. John's; Eric Balcolm, (at microphone) Wolfville, N.S.; M.L.A. for Kings North. Mr. Johnson chaired the committee.



SPEAKS AT CLOSING DINNER

A.R. Williams (left), executive assistant to President of A.V. Roe Canada Limited was the guest speaker at the closing dinner of APEC held last night at the Charlottetown Hotel. He was introduced by Mr. Ron Hura, Provincial chairman of APEC for Nova Scotia.

Fail To Get Freight Rate Increase Bid Rejected

OTTAWA (CP) — Eight provinces proved unable Tuesday to knock out immediately a railway bid for the six-per-cent part of a 10-per-cent freight-rate-increase application before the board of transport commissioners.

The provinces — all except Ontario and Quebec — asked that an increase be made before the board be confined to fighting out the four-per-cent part. The board refused.

The provinces contended that the six-per-cent application filed with the board Aug. 30 constituted a brand new case and should be heard separately. The four per cent is a holdover from a case that began last year.

At that time the railways applied for a 15-per-cent boost. The board in 1956 gave them 11 per cent, leaving the other four to be determined this fall. Last month he railways tacked on another six.

ARGUE CASE DECIDED — The provinces battling rate increases argued that in the amended application of Aug. 30 the railways were trying to reopen a previously-decided case in which the board ruled it would not base freight rates on a rate of annual

return on the CPR's net rail investment. Assistant Chief Commissioner Hugh Wardrop said Tuesday that the board will not deal with the current case as one of rate base and rate of return on investment, a formula that has been anathema to the provinces fighting against rate increases.

"I hope that as we proceed, any apprehension will be dispelled," he told arguing counsel. "The only way to dissipate that is to dismiss the (six-per-cent) application," said Saskatchewan counsel M. A. MacPherson.

TAKEN BY SURPRISE — Alberta Counsel J. J. Frawley said his province is not prepared to go ahead with the six-per-cent aspect of the case, which he and other provincial government lawyers said took them by surprise without enough time to prepare a proper reply.

With the preliminaries cleared away the CPR began introducing evidence in what could turn out to be a long case. It had been adjourned to Tuesday from April 17, following hearings last year, and now could run on for several weeks. The CPR estimated that the

S.D.U. Graduate Is Drowned

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP) — Edward Urban Smith, 21, a radio mechanic with the navy, drowned in the harbor here Tuesday when the car he was driving plunged off the end of the wharf. The victim was home on leave from his ship in Halifax.

The son of Mrs. Mary Smith and the late Edgar Smith, he was last reported seen alive at 11:30 p.m. Monday, driving a car owned by his mother.

Guard rails at pier 2 in West Saint John were found broken about 7 a.m. A diver recovered the body from the overturned car, 50 feet from the wharf edge, shortly before noon and a wrecker lifted the vehicle from the harbor floor in the afternoon.

It is believed the victim lost his way in West Saint John. Family members said he was not familiar with the area.

He graduated from St. Dunstan's University in Charlottetown and joined the Royal Canadian Navy two years ago.

Sees Potato Prospects Moderately Optimistic

"The general feeling both in United States and Canada in respect to the late potato crop appears to be moderately optimistic," reports Mr. Elric Campbell, manager of the P.E.I. Potato Marketing Board.

The latest report from North Dakota is that 15,000 to 20,000 acres will not be harvested because of the serious flood damage which occurred two weeks ago. This will have a notable effect in increasing the area of distribution for Maine potatoes, which this week jumped 25 cents per barrel. In addition, we will have (at least till the end of December) a tariff on U.S. potatoes entering Canada, which should leave the Canadian market to be supplied almost exclusively by Canadian production.

In New Brunswick the crop estimates are lower than last year but the quality is expected to be superior and the growers are harvesting a little earlier than usual to avoid any danger of field frost which last year greatly reduced their total of marketable potatoes.

More Pamir Survivors Picked Up

SANTA MARIA, Azores (Reuters) — The United States transport ship Geiger reported by radio early today she has picked up 40 survivors from the ice-bound Pamir.

All were in good condition, the radio message added. The Geiger, already carrying five survivors picked up Monday, reported that the search for more survivors is continuing.

The Geiger reported 25 men were picked up from a lifeboat and 15 from a raft.

A 203-calibre rifle was found in the bedroom. The survivors had abandoned ship before the Pamir sank at 11 a.m. Saturday.

Probe Death Of N. S. Couple

MIDDLETON, N.S. (CP) — An inquest opens here today into a double shooting which left a man and his wife dead in the bedroom of their home at nearby Trobrook Mines.

R.C.M.P. investigators said the bodies of Irvine Vedto, 35, and his 21-year-old wife, Zelpha, were found dead Tuesday morning. Mr. Vedto was on the floor shot through the head. His wife was sprawled on a bed with a chest wound.

Premiers In Accord On Industrial Development

Announces Acquisition Of Dosco By A. V. Roe Co.

A.V. Roe Canada Limited now has "effective working control" of the Dominion Steel and Coal Corporation, A.R. Williams, assistant to Avro President Crawford Gordon Jr., said here Tuesday night.

He made the announcement at a dinner attended by Atlantic provinces premiers and members of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council.

Later, he said that by effective working control he means Avro has acquired the largest single block of Dosco shares. Avro has offered to buy Dosco Avro shares and \$10 for each share of Dosco stock. A condition of the offer is that Avro get at least 52 per cent of Dosco stock.

Mr. Williams said the company hasn't got that much yet but "we are confident we will get a minimum of 52 per cent. The offer expires Oct. 1 but could be extended.

"The response to our offer has been very good," he said, "particularly from small shareholders in the Maritimes, which is most gratifying in view of the initial public reaction in this region."

He said he did not intend to make an announcement before the deadline for the offer has past. But this situation wasn't ordinary. Dosco was the biggest single economic unit in the Maritimes. Thousands of people depended on it for their livelihood.

NO CERTAIN GUARANTEES — Maritimers had a right to ask what Avro has in mind for Dosco and what kind of an outfit Avro is, but the company could not make hard-and-fast guarantees.

"Neither I, nor our company, can give you any iron-clad commitments of any kind regarding Dosco operations and employment. No one can honestly do so — neither the present management, ourselves, not even the Almighty Himself."

However, he said Avro pledges to do its utmost to make Dosco grow, to increase its business and the number it employs, to work with governments or any other agency to raise the level of economic activity in the region.

"Our intentions are honorable. We are interested in Dosco and the Maritimes because we are convinced that within a dynamic and expanding economy both have tremendous potentialities for growth and expansion."

Two Nova Scotia directors of Dosco, R. A. Jodrey, of Hanstport, and Mayor Frank Sobey of Stellarton, have opposed the stock deal. They said the offer is not good enough and a change in control might reduce Dosco operations in the Maritimes.

Mr. Williams said Avro is interested in controlling Dosco because it will diversify the company's operations. It would open the door for manufacture in this country of many products Canadians now import, particularly certain kinds of steel.

HOME PRODUCTION — "As we grow and expand and require more steel it will become economic to produce at least a portion of these imports. Eventually a Canadian steel company is going to do so. Why shouldn't it be Dosco?"

He indicated Avro hopes it can increase output of such Dosco subsidiaries as Trenton Industries Limited at Trenton, N.S. "They have unique forging facilities that are unique in Canada but which are only being used to a fraction of their capacity. We are importing forgings, particularly for the automobile industry, which could be produced there."

As Canada grew so would Avro. But Dosco stood to grow faster because it and the Maritimes have not kept pace with the rest of Canada. "It could very well be that the entry of our company is just the shot in the arm the Maritimes needs."

He said that "despite certain opposition" he believes the average Maritimer wants to believe that Avro will be good for the economy of the region.

To Present Northern Lands Case At Ottawa Conference

Atlantic Provinces Premiers announced Tuesday night their four governments will set up a joint Atlantic Provinces Bureau in London.

They said in a statement that the bureau's main functions will be to promote industrial development and tourist traffic and help bring more business to the region.

They named a committee of men from each province to receive applications for the position of agent-general in London and arrange to open an office, likely to be known as "Atlantic House."

The Premiers of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland wound up a two-day conference, their third meeting in 15 months, by saying they had agreed on all topics of discussion.

Following is the text of the Premiers' statement: "The two-day meeting of the Conference of the four Premiers of the Atlantic Provinces concluded in Charlottetown today and the following statement was issued:

"The Premiers received the reports of the various committees that were established at their meeting held in Halifax last May and also considered a number of new subjects of regional concern and reached agreement on all matters before them.

"It was decided to set up immediately in London a Canadian Atlantic Provinces Bureau to provide suitable regional representation in the U.K. The function of the Bureau will be to promote (a) Publicity and improved public relations relative to the Atlantic Region and (b) Industrial development in the Atlantic Region.

"The Bureau will also act as a Tourist Promotion Agency and will furnish information. It is expected that the Bureau will be of great service to the business interests of the Region.

COMMITTEE NAMED — "A committee consisting of the Honourable Roger Pichette (N.B.) as Chairman, the Honourable Edward Manson (N.S.), Arthur Johnson (Nfld.) and W. W. Reid (P.E.I.) was empowered to receive applications from Canadians for the position of Agent-General and to arrange suitable accommodations in London.

"It was brought to the attention of the Conference that the aggregate dollar value of Canadian overseas exports and imports not routed through Canadian ports in 1955 amounted to \$350,000,000. In view of this situation it was agreed that the Atlantic Provinces should urge the Federal Government to join with them in studying methods and incentives whereby a greatly increased proportion of this traffic might be channelled through Canadian ports.

"The Premiers also considered the matter of Inter-Provincial Institutions. The Conference decided that the established continuing committee of the Conference would act as a co-ordinating body for further study of the matter.

CAPITAL PROJECTS — "A progress report was submitted by the Capital Projects Committee and it was pointed out that a final report could not be made until the Gordon Commission had fully completed its findings. The Committee was continued in being and was asked to make a detailed survey as to the capital projects which would be most advantageous to the Atlantic Region and its constituent parts and to estimate the funds which might be required over a ten year period.

"The Committee on Northern Lands presented a very comprehensive report which will require very careful study. The Committee is to continue its work and the matter will be discussed in detail at a later Conference.

TRANSPORTATION — "The Maritimes Transportation Commission reported on many phases of its work and the Conference commended the Commission for the excellent work it had done in keeping the increase in telegraph rates as applied to the region to a minimum.

"Inter-provincial committees were established to consider: (a) A uniform motor carrier Bill of Lading for the Atlantic Provinces. (b) Regional implications of the National Hospitalization scheme.

"The conference, recognizing that the taxable capacity of the Atlantic Provinces is substantially below the national average, expressed the approval of the principles that there should be Special Adjustment Grants for low income provinces for the imposition of a custom's tariff on floor-spar.

R. J. Rankin Is Re-elected

R.J. Rankin of Halifax, was re-elected president of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council at a late afternoon meeting of the executive yesterday. Mr. Rankin has been in the hospital here since early Monday morning but the APEC conference was held here.

The Council sent a message of appreciation to the Halifax man and a bouquet of flowers. Vice-president of Prince Edward Island is Dr. Frank MacKinnon of Charlottetown. He was re-elected to the position which he held last year. J.L. Dewar, secretary of the P.E.I. Island Federation of Agriculture, was re-elected as general chairman of committees.

APEC Officers Hope To Meet Soon With MP's

Officers of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council hope to meet in Ottawa with this region's members of parliament sometime next month, Nelson Mann, APEC executive manager, said Tuesday night.

He told a press conference that APEC hopes to enlist the support of Atlantic provinces' 33 members in the House of Commons in its efforts to boost Maritime development.

The Ottawa meeting, proposed for early in the parliament session, would be preliminary to another get-together somewhere in the Maritimes, possibly before Christmas.

Mr. Mann said APEC will suggest an agenda for the meetings but would get suggestions for discussion from the Commons members also.

500 Battle-equipped Men Flown Into Little Rock

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — The army flew 500 battle-equipped men into Little Rock Tuesday and prepared to call out the Arkansas National Guard to enforce federal school integration orders.

The planes loaded with soldiers of the 101st Airborne Division landed at mid-afternoon at Little Rock air force base. An officer called the city hall and asked for and got permission to enter the city.

"If federal troops are there to protect the children the Negro children will go to school tomorrow," said Mrs. L. C. Bates, state leader of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

President Eisenhower took decisive action after racial violence and riots swept small parts of the city Monday and Tuesday night. The president federalized the Arkansas National Guard and the state air National Guard.

His action placed the 9,900-man state militia under army control and took it out of state control. NO LONGER COMMANDER — Governor Orval Faubus of Arkansas, until Tuesday the civilian commander of the guard, first called up these troops Sept. 2 to, as he said, prevent violence. His orders also were to prevent Negroes from entering Central high school, focal point of the trouble.

Violence erupted Monday when eight or nine Negro students walked into Central high while a mob estimated as high as 1,000 was diverted by four Negro adults. They were withdrawn a few hours later.

The school said eight attended Monday. Negro sources said there were nine.

Citizens of this southern metropolis reacted with shock, surprise, and in some cases elation to the president's order.

Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker, decorated combat veteran who served in the Pacific during the Second World War and during the Korean war, took command of the troops.

SHOULD PREVENT CLASH — The president's action in federalizing the guard presumably would prevent any armed clash between federal and state troops.

Governor Faubus indicated Tuesday that he did not intend to dispute the president's authority to federalize the state troops.

Arkansas officials, some of them appearing stunned at the

Tells Of Newfoundland's Position In Confederation

Premier Joseph Smallwood told the combined meeting of APEC and Atlantic Premiers yesterday that unless Newfoundland had a revision in the initial agreement under which his province entered confederation, he would have to admit that the Union with Canada was a failure.

The Newfoundland Premier, speaking at an APEC luncheon said that while the delegates of his province were willing to go along with everything that the other three Maritime provinces advocated, he emphasized the fact that the problems of Canada's youngest province were much different.

Mr. Smallwood reviewed at some length the steps leading up to Confederation. On the one hand Newfoundland could visualize the great benefits to be derived from Canada's social service and veteran's program as well as increased salaries to civil servants and railroad workers.

On the other hand the government revenue, which primarily came from ad valorem duties, was to be reduced to nil. "We were faced with the problem of

having a well off populace and a bankrupt government," Premier Smallwood said. EIGHT YEAR TEST — Under the terms of agreement, the plan was to be given an eight year test and any time within that eight years a Royal Commission was to be held to ascertain the province's status in comparison to the other three Maritime provinces.

Mr. Smallwood said they have taken as far as they can go and in addition to this we have spent \$42,000,000 of capital reserve and have borrowed another \$30,000,000, "and after doing this our levels of public services are such that no town in any of the three Maritime provinces would tolerate."

"We are still woefully behind because we started so much farther behind the rest of Canada. Eight years ago our services were so indescribably low that the only thing I can say about it is they were lower than the lowest part of the country."

"I believe all four Atlantic Provinces ought to get certain considerations from the Federal Government over and above what the Canadian Parliament votes for the other provinces."

Defence Officials Shocked At Transfer Of Labrador

OTTAWA (CP) — Many defence department officials Tuesday were flabbergasted at Transport Minister George Hees' announcement that the navy's Arctic patrol vessel Labrador will be transferred to the transport department for use as an ice-breaker on the Eastern Seaboard.

A few officials were hopping mad. They said the Labrador was Canada's main medium of exhibiting its sovereignty over the Canadian Arctic.

Others said the Labrador in the last three years had done valuable survey work in the Arctic and that Canada thereby could claim to know as much about the North as the Russians. But now, they added, the Russians would again outdistance Canada in Arctic research, particularly at a time when the North was becoming so important.

MUST BE JOKING — Some officials, informed by a reporter of Mr. Hees' announcement Monday night in Charlottetown, at first refused to believe the reporter and said he must be

laughing. The navy was the least upset. In fact, it wasn't upset at all.

The navy's chief business is the defence of Canada and North Atlantic anti-submarine operations with the navies of other NATO countries. The Labrador did not fit into either of these roles.

The navy, a spokesman said, naturally will be sorry to lose a ship. But it will gain some 200 trained crew who would be available to man one of the new destroyers now about to be commissioned.

Release of the Labrador's crew for other duties will help the navy's manpower situation. It would avert the possibility of the navy having to go beyond its manpower ceiling of 20,000 men or prevent delay in the manning of a new destroyer.

Mr. Hees said his department will man and operate the Labrador some time next year and use it for icebreaking in the Newfoundland, Maritimes and Gulf of St. Lawrence areas.

It costs \$575,000 a year to operate the Labrador. This figure does not include crew wages.

Alberta is estimated to have more than 80 per cent of the total coal reserves in Canada.

Tourist Industry Accounts For \$786,400 Farm Income

The importance of the tourist industry to the farm economy of Prince Edward Island is seen in the fact that the estimated tourist consumption of primary agricultural products during last summer amounted to \$786,400.

The information is revealed in the report of the tourist industry submitted by Mr. Arthur Johnston at the annual meeting of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council yesterday. The report was prepared by Prof. W. J. Dalton of Halifax at the request of the Prince Edward Island Tourist Committee.

The information was accumulated with the cooperation of all the registered tourist resorts on the island in the National Park area. A break down of the results are as follows: meat and fish, \$455,975; dairy products (Butter, cheese, milk and ice cream) \$148,500; eggs \$67,275; fruits and fresh vegetables \$104,650; potatoes \$9,000; total \$786,400.

Prince Edward Island was the only province in which a survey of the tourist industry was made by APEC and includes only the agricultural industry. The effect of the industry on community business can be added to this along with gasoline consumption and other factors.