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COMMITTEE REPORT IS SPARK

Procedural Points Debate Delays House Proceeding

An argument over a procedural point tied up the Legislative Assembly for nearly a half an hour during yesterday afternoon's sitting.

It all began when Dr. Hubert MacNeill, minister of welfare, made a motion, seconded by Hon. Henry Wedge, that the report of the committee on the aging be tabled and copies be distributed to the members.

As soon as Dr. MacNeill was seated Dr. Lorne Bonnell (Lab. 4th Kings) rose to speak on the motion, he said that he hadn't had time to see the report and was not well enough informed to discuss it at that time. He moved the adjournment of the debate on Dr. MacNeill's motion.

The Speaker, Hon. Frank Myers, when Dr. Bonnell had sat down, said, "carried." There were no replies from the members. "Motion carried," said the Speaker.

As this was going on the pages were distributing the copies of the report. As soon as the motion carried Dr. Bonnell rose and inquired why the copies were distributed as the motion to table the report had not been voted on.

"The motion carried," said some members of the government.

Dr. Bonnell disagreed saying the motion that carried was his motion to adjourn the debate.

Dr. MacNeill said, "you had no seconder."

Dr. Bonnell claimed he did

not need a seconder for a motion to adjourn debate. He pointed out that it happens everyday when the motion to adjourn the debate on Throne Speech occurs.

WITHDRAWS MOTION
Dr. MacNeill then withdrew his motion and asked that the copies of the report be collected.

Dr. Bonnell said he couldn't withdraw the motion without the unanimous consent of the House and he pointed out he didn't have the unanimous consent of the House because he would not give his consent to the withdrawal of the motion.

The Premier said he didn't need the unanimous consent of the House and Dr. Bonnell called his attention to rule 53 in the rule book which says, "a member who has made a motion may withdraw it with the unanimous consent of the House."

Shortly after this things got back to normal and the business

of the House proceeded in an orderly manner.

It is believed the debate on the original motion by Dr. MacNeill will continue at another time.

Nkrumah Welcomed In Guinea

By Reuters
Guinea welcomed ousted Ghanaian president Kwame Nkrumah back to Africa Wednesday with full presidential honors.

The West African state's president, Sekou Toure, arranged a 21-gun salute and an airport guard of honor when Nkrumah flew into Conakry from the Soviet Union.

A Soviet aircraft carried Nkrumah on the flight to Conakry from Moscow.

Guinea radio gave no hint of Nkrumah's plans.

The new leaders of Ghana will put Nkrumah on trial if he returns home. They ousted him in a military takeover Thursday.

WIFE WENT TO CAIRO
Nkrumah's wife, an Egyptian, went to Cairo. Both the United Arab Republic and Guinea have expressed support for Nkrumah.

Meanwhile, Alex Quaison-Sackey, the ousted foreign minister who was in Peking with Nkrumah when the coup occurred, returned to the Ghanaian capital of Accra by air from London Wednesday and was placed in protective custody.

Quaison-Sackey told a press conference he believes Nkrumah asked for Russian and Chinese help to restore him to power.

But Quaison-Sackey said he does not think the overthrown president would get aid from Moscow and Peking.

He added, however, "I do not think Nkrumah will let this revolution go by without challenging it."

TRAP LIMIT
Mr. Ferguson said support should be given to lobster fishermen's requests that a trap limit be set. He said fishermen in various districts who have decided on a limit art to be conserved in their attempt to conserve the lobster industry.

"I hope fishermen in other areas will do the same," he said, "and that the federal government will enforce regulations."

The Kings Liberal said the government should consider some method of providing fire protection for fishing centres. He said fire could cause heavy losses to equipment and plants in some areas.

On education, Mr. Ferguson said he thought the school age should be lowered to five years with parents' consent, free school books should be made available and a uniform curriculum should be worked on with other provinces.

Mr. Ferguson adjourned the debate and will have the floor when it resumes, possibly this afternoon.

Minister Backs Probe Of Crime

QUEBEC (CP) — Justice Minister Wagner said Wednesday he is astonished by the federal government's refusal to hold a royal commission inquiry into organized crime.

Speaking to reporters outside the legislature he said: "Who is afraid of such an inquiry? Of what or of whom is someone afraid, to refuse this in such a rapid and cavalier way, as though it were a request for a hunting permit?"

He was commenting on the statement by Lucien Carlin in which the federal justice minister said he did not intend to set up a federal royal commission investigation into organized crime.

In the legislature Tuesday, Mr. Wagner said in reply to a question that he did not intend to make a formal request to Ottawa for a royal commission as he considered bringing the matter up in the Quebec legislature was just as good as such a request.

MURDER CASE IS ADJOURNED

PRESQUE ISLE, Me. (AP) — Probable cause was found in district court Tuesday for a murder charge against Ralph F. Goodwin, 44, of Fort Fairfield, Me., in the slaying of his wife.

Judge Julian Turner ordered Goodwin, who did not enter a plea, held without bail for the April grand jury.

Goodwin's 31-year-old wife, Rosie, was found beaten to death in the couple's home Feb. 11.

Mrs. Goodwin was a native of Scotchford, P.E.I. and lived in Antigonish, N.S., before coming to Maine.

USE COMPANY ESTIMATE
No breakdown was given, but a spokesman said the estimate was based on information re-

ceived from the two mining companies whose gold got carried away in the brazen theft.

The gold came from Madsen Red Lake Gold Mines Ltd. and Campbell Red Lake Mines Ltd. The 12 bars in the shipment were in an equal number of wooden boxes bound by metal straps.

The St. James police department is in direct charge of the investigation because the airport lies within its borders. An international alarm has been sounded and a special watch is being kept on border-crossing points.

If smuggled out of the country, especially to the Orient, the gold can fetch a price double that fixed rate of \$35 an ounce in U.S. currency.

Gold bars can be bought and sold legally through the Toronto Stock Exchange but brokers said exhaustive checks are made on ownership certificates before any money changes hands.

As for the mint, Chief Accountant Gus Groleau said in Ottawa that the Winnipeg robbery is "strictly a problem between the shipper and the carrier."

The bullion becomes the mint's responsibility only on receipt.

The mint is the only buyer of unrefined gold in Canada. It is added to Canada's official reserves or sold for foreign exchange.

Chief Malby said it appears the thieves either received a tip at the mines or from somebody in Winnipeg.

Not Seeking Election, Premier Informs House



THE DOTTED line shows two bandits who hijacked gold bars from Winnipeg international Airport Tuesday night. (CP Wirephoto)

Parliament At A Glance

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

WEDNESDAY, March 2, 1966. The Commons went into its second overtime sitting in a row in a drive to clean up 1965-66 spending estimates this week.

The House sat past the usual 6 p.m. adjournment time in studying estimates of the agriculture department.

The estimates were approved after the Commons sat for an extra 1 1/2 hours.

Prime Minister Pearson said the government has received two letters from alleged spy George Victor Spencer.

He made no reply when Opposition Leader Diefenbaker asked that they be made public.

A government bill was introduced in the Senate that would give the bankruptcy superintendent broader investigation powers.

Thursday, March 3. The Commons meets at 2:30 p.m. to continue a debate on justice department spending estimates. The Senate meets at 3 p.m.

MET PLANE
The TransAir plane landed at 10 p.m. The hijackers were there to meet it.

They were wearing the standard winter dress of Air Canada ramp crew - parkas and white coveralls; they had an Air Canada truck and the consignment papers they carried seemed in order.

They drove away and it was more than an hour before Air Canada queried TransAir as to the whereabouts of the shipment.

Another half hour of frantic calls followed before the fact of the theft was established.

First estimates put the value of the stolen gold at approximately \$200,000. However, police issued a revised figure Wednesday afternoon raising the estimate to \$450,000.

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Gold Theft At Winnipeg Sounds All-Points Alarm

WINNIPEG (CP) — An all-points manhunt is on for two hijackers who, bold as brass, took unscheduled delivery of an airborne gold shipment worth more than \$450,000.

No violence was needed in the theft Tuesday night at Winnipeg International Airport. The robbers simply signed for the bullion consignment, then drove away in a stolen truck.

With surface nonchalance, posing to perfection as air freight employees, they even got help from their victims in leading the boxed gold bars aboard their pirate vehicle.

"Normal greetings were exchanged," said Police Chief George Malby of the Greater Winnipeg city of St. James.

The gold was going from Red Lake in northwestern Ontario to the Royal Canadian Mint. Brought as far as Winnipeg by TransAir, it was to have been trans-shipped to Ottawa via Air Canada.

OTTAWA (CP) — Nine provinces have allocated nearly \$35,000,000 out of the Canada Pension Plan pool of contributions. Finance Minister Sharp announced in the Commons Wednesday.

Quebec operates a similar but separate pension plan and does not receive investments from the federal plan.

Mr. Sharp said after deducting administrative costs, a total of \$34,852,909 was left at the end of February for investment in provincial and federal securities.

Ontario was allotted \$20,100,000 and the eight other provinces smaller amounts based on pension contributions from each province. The federal government received \$101,909 in contributions from the Yukon and Northwest Territories.

Mr. Sharp said the non-marketable, 20-year securities pur-

chased by the pension plan fund will bear interest at 5.92 per cent.

Similar investments will be made each month from now on. The plan went into force Jan. 1.

J. Waldo Monteith (PC-Perth) said Mr. Sharp had conveniently neglected to mention that the Liberals spent \$2,000,000 out of the fund to advertise the pension plan during last fall's election campaign.

Gilles Greig (Creditiste-Lapointe) said the provinces should get the money free of interest. Another burden was being added to their debts.

Allotments for the other eight provinces were: Newfoundland \$65,000; Nova Scotia \$1,248,000; New Brunswick \$972,000; Manitoba \$2,077,000; Saskatchewan \$1,432,000; Alberta \$3,064,000; and British Columbia \$5,065,000.

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OTTAWA (CP) — Rowdiness was given as one of the reasons why evening programs at the Cavendish recreation hall were discontinued, Hon. Arthur Laing, minister of recreation, revealed Wednesday.

Replying to questions on the order paper from Heath Macquarrie, MP for Queens, Mr. Laing said that with the development of a new campground at New London Bay and the termination of camping at the Cavendish Beach site, the recreation hall there had outlived its original purpose.

"In the latter years of operation the evening programs were frequently interrupted by rowdiness and special policing measures were necessary," Mr. Laing said. "These disturbances were mainly related to the attendance of persons from points some distance from the park."

He said the officer in charge of recreational programs had received requests in 1963 to curtail or re-arrange the dates of dances so as not to conflict with similar activities held by communities such as Rusty Bay, New Glasgow and Stanley in the Cape Breton area.

He said with the change in park emphasis to appreciation of the natural features, a park naturalist was appointed to develop a new program and the recreation hall was relocated from the congested area at Cavendish Beach to the new Cavendish campground.

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More Industry Is Top Interest

Premier Walter R. Shaw said in the Legislature yesterday he was not looking for an election.

Taking part in the Throne Speech debate, the premier said "some say the government's forecast plan of development is an election address. Nothing could be further from my mind."

"The Speech from the Throne is simply a normal, natural development of the program laid down by this government five years ago."

"I'm not worried about an election. That is not what we are looking for. I'm not so anxious to be returned to power as I am in giving the people of this province good government and an increase in their prosperity."

MOST VITAL
Premier Shaw said the most vital thing to the province is the "establishment of centres of activity and industry." He was critical of suggestions that the government was "oversteering" to get industries to locate.

He said this province with its lack of resources, such as power and transportation as compared to other provinces, had to offer more generous assistance to industry than other provinces.

"We have had quite a struggle," he said, "to get industry but we have been able to establish plants and what I object to is the underground criticisms, the innuendoes, the suggestions that something is wrong and the plants should never have been supported by the government. These statements are unethical and dishonest and not in keeping with the statements we expect in this Legislature."

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The premier continued by saying that "institutions can be destructive and almost ruined the establishment of the Georgetown plant."

MORE INDUSTRY
"We are deeply interested in bringing prosperity to the people of Prince Edward Island and would like to see a half dozen or more industries established. We are trying now to put new industry in the western part of the province."

Premier Shaw appealed to all members of the Legislature to support the program that is back the government's program together," he said.

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5th Kings MLA Backs Process Crop Farmers

Provincial government protection for farmers who are growing crops for processing plants was called for in the Legislature yesterday by George Ferguson (L-5th Kings).

Taking part in the draft address debate, Mr. Ferguson said the growers should know that when their crops are ready they will be accepted by the plants, the growers should know what prices they will receive and growers should be able to present their invoices and get early payment for their crops.

"The government," he said, "has a right to protect the growers; the plants were set up at the taxpayers' expense with little equity by the companies involved."

Mr. Ferguson said every effort should be made to eradicate potato crop diseases and he hoped "stronger regulations will be developed by the minister of agriculture and strictly enforced."

The speaker suggested that a dairy commission should be set up similar in aim to the western wheat board so that dairy products can be marketed properly.

ARDA PROGRAM
Mr. Ferguson said he was surprised at a statement by Agriculture Minister Andrew MacRae who said last year the province cannot afford to take full advantage of the money available to this province through the ARDA program.

Pointing out that agriculture is a basic, revenue-producing in-

dustry, Mr. Ferguson said he felt agriculture was not getting its "fair share of the budget."