

Manitoba And Truckers Present Arguments At Freight Rates Hearing

OTTAWA, May 2 (CP)—Manitoba, declaring the West is "subsidized" Central Canada in freight rates, called for rate equality throughout the country today as the Province opened its final argument before the Royal Commission on Transportation.

C. D. Shepard, counsel for the Prairie Province, also urged measures that would reduce some of the railways' powers in setting rates and registered objection to the principle of percentage rate increases such as have been put into effect in the last two years.

He also lined up his province against any national transportation policy that would call for control by a central authority of all forms of transportation.

Central control was attacked too, by the commercial trucking industry, whose spokesman declared it was "absolutely opposed" to Federal regulation of trucking, as has been suggested by some witnesses during the commission's inquiry into transportation problems.

Mr. H. H. Hume, of Toronto, counsel for the Canadian Automotive Transportation Association, declared the truck industry is against any further regulation of highway transport and against any "artificial restrictions" being imposed on it for the benefit of the railways.

The Manitoba and trucking lawyers were the first of a battery of counsel who will deliver argument before the commission during the next three weeks in the windup of the commission inquiry that opened a year ago.

Mr. Shepard will continue tomorrow.

Today another Western lawyer—Saskatchewan counsel M. A. MacPherson—delivered a brief statement to the Commission on behalf of the Saskatchewan coal operators, asking that freight-rate increases on their lignite coal should be limited because of its low thermal quality and low price.

The operators urged that any increase in this type of fuel be restricted to half that of bituminous, as is done in the United States.

Mr. MacPherson is expected to open his main submission for the Saskatchewan Government tomorrow afternoon.

Mr. Shepard, in pressing for the leveling of rate levels generally, declared much attention had been focussed on the "artificially" rates on grain and certain other commodities in the west. But there had been less attention to low Western costs of railway operations.

"The result has been a widespread belief that Western Canada is being subsidized by low freight rates," he said.

A False Belief

"It is Manitoba's submission that such a belief is false and that an examination of the changes in rate levels brought about by competition in the Central Provinces would inevitably result in the conclusion that Western Canada has in the past and is today subsidizing Central Canada in the matter of freight rates."

Mr. Shepard said competition from other carriers had forced the railways to depress Ontario-Quebec rate levels to the point where the railways were losing money on some rates. The obvious result was that the burden of rate increases fell with particular weight on the long-haul traffic of the west.

For making rate equalization effective, Mr. Shepard proposed that the commission should recommend that the Railway Act be amended to require the regulatory Board of Transport Commissioners to ensure equality where operating conditions and the character of the traffic are equal.

Other points advanced by Mr. Shepard:

The Federal Cabinet should have more powers to give specific directions to the Transport Board in freight-rate matters.

The railways have far too much power in adjusting rates without reference to the board, and that tribunal's control powers should be tightened.

Rates should not be set without inquiry into how efficiently the railways are operated and what savings they could make under the 1933 statute ordering the two major lines to effect "joint economies."

The freight-rate groups of commodities should be reduced and simplified.

The railways should adopt a system of uniform accounting.

For the truckers, Mr. Hume put forward these additional points:

1. From the point of view of the public interest, nothing should be done to "artificially restrict" trucking because restricting one branch of an industry for the benefit of another is not in the public interest.
2. While national transportation policy should contain no element of discrimination, there was evidence of discrimination against trucking by the Federal Government, for the benefit of the railways. This was not surprising, since the Government was "in the railway business."
3. It was "absurd" for railway spokesmen to claim that trucks provided "unregulated" competition to the railways, since they were regulated by the Provincial Governments to the extent that each Government considered suitable.
4. There was "every grave doubt" that the Dominion had power to take over control of interprovincial and international trucking, as the railways advocated.
5. It was not true, as the railways claimed, that the fair share of highway costs, it paid more than its fair share of the amount contributed by users of the highways—all it was asked to pay by the Provinces.
6. It imposed compulsory "co-ordination" of transport facilities which might result in eventual monopoly—but favored voluntary co-operation with other agencies.

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FLUE FIRE — City firemen were called out to a slight flue fire at 187 Prince St. about 12:30 yesterday afternoon. There was no damage.

RE-ASSESSMENT DISCUSSED — Mr. J. Rankin and son, Ronald of Rankin Realities Corporation, Westmount, Quebec, met with the newly appointed board of assessors for the City over the week-end. They discussed the re-assessment proposals for the City and outlined plans for the commencement of the work. The Rankins left on return yesterday morning.

LEGION CARD PARTY — The following are the results of the regular weekly card party held at the Legion Home last night: Ladies' first, Mrs. Verna Ferguson; gentlemen's first, Mr. Joseph E. Petric; gentlemen's second, Mr. Pius MacDonald; ladies' consolation, Mrs. C. MacCaber; gentlemen's consolation, Mr. W. Bolmer; door prize, Mr. J. O. Prunty; freeze-out, Mr. Tim Rochford and Mr. Fred DeCoste.

TO TEACH AT SUMMER SCHOOL — Professor Gordon Bennett, M. Sc. head of the Department of Chemistry at Prince of Wales College has been appointed lecturer in Chemistry at the Acadia University summer school for the 1950 session. Professor Bennett, who is a graduate of Acadia, will conduct a course in organic chemistry for students attending the University during the summer months. He will return to Prince of Wales early in September.

Y. P. S. MEETING — The Young People's Society of Central Christian Church held their regular meeting Tuesday night in the Church hall. The usual sing-song was under the direction of Miss Adeline Baker. Assisting her was Miss Lorna Jordan, who read the scripture lesson. In the business session the President, Miss Olga Forsythe, named June Moore to appoint committees to arrange for the banquet to be held next Tuesday night in honor of out-of-town students who assisted so wonderfully in the winter's work. The Treasurer, Eddie Bertram, presented a report regarding proceeds from the candy sale at the Men's Variety Show of a week ago. It was agreed that the plans for the play be postponed for this season to be resumed early in the fall. The study was under the direction of the Minister who presented informative facts on "How Our Bible Came To Be." The meeting was dismissed with prayer.

Committee On Human Rights To Delve Into Facts About Freedom

OTTAWA, May 2 (CP)—Members of the Senate committee on human rights indicated today they intend to probe fully into the facts about freedom.

They want to question delegations appearing before the committee on trying to raise no raising objection. We might be giving the public the idea that we agree with all that is said," stated Senator J. J. Doane (L—New Brunswick).

The chairman, Senator Arthur Roebuck (L—Ontario), assured that the report which the committee will present at the close of its sessions will ably indicate the group's opinions on briefs placed before it.

Senator Doane said he for one didn't agree with all the opinions aired in the dozen or so briefs which the committee has studied.

Senator A. A. (L—Quebec) supported his comment.

The discussion arose during the presentation of a brief from the Canadian Civil Liberties Union, Vancouver branch. Questions delayed the presentation and the chairman noted that delegations from other organizations—the Trades and Labor Congress, the Toronto World Federalists and the Committee for the Repeal of the Chinese Immigration Law—were waiting for hearings.

The latter group's submission ultimately was held over for presentation at a later session.

In its brief the Vancouver organization said a Federal bill of rights could equalize civil liberties across Canada and turn the "pious professions" of the people and Government into actual laws.

Activities On Local Waterfront Are Increasing

Activities at the local waterfront are increasing these days as the ice breaks away and water shipping and buoy placing seasons begin. Several ships have come into the harbour already and more are expected within the next couple of days.

The ice breaker Saurel has taken a load of buoys from the Marine Wharf and placed them around Caribou Harbour. Marine officials expect that she will continue buoy distribution in the Northumberland Strait area as the danger in that sector has pretty well diminished.

The Brant came off the slip at Halifax yesterday after having new plates placed on her bow. The old ones were well worn by heavy ice breaking duties during the winter. She will begin distributing buoys after she returns to the Marine Wharf.

The steamer Wellington Kent is in port and the Galloway Kent is on the way. A 7,500 ton boat is in Summerside having a cargo of fertilizer unloaded.

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Varied Reaction To Hoover Suggestion Re Soviet Union

By J. M. ROBERTS, Jr. (Associated Press News Analyst)

Herbert Hoover's suggestion for a reorganization of the United Nations to include the Soviet Union has elicited a varied reaction among United States congressmen, but not among more intimate observers of the organization's affairs.

It seems to me there is a tendency to overemphasize the suggestion of the former United States president for exclusion of Russia as compared with his alternative, which is for formal organization outside the U.N. "Those people who disavow Communism, who stand for morals and religion, and who love freedom."

Although he mentioned exclusion first, his context indicates no great preference in his own mind.

There are some important reasons against excluding Russia from the U.N. There is an important psychological point in not making formal the split between the "two worlds."

Everything that Hoover says about the disadvantages of trying to do anything in the U.N. with Russia there is true, but the importance of keeping on trying is not to be minimized, either.

To kick Russia out would be similar to breaking diplomatic relations, which would seem to offer no practical benefit, either.

There are more good reasons for supporting the alternative, and fewer reasons against it. In fact, the trend is in that direction. It is a matter which will be threshed over in London next month during the Atlantic pact and big three foreign ministers' conferences.

Only a few days ago French Premier Georges Bidault proposed a supreme Atlantic council to carry military co-operation into the economic and social fields. Now Foreign Minister Schuman of France has proposed to propose in London that an over-all organization be formed among all the countries of the Atlantic Pact, Marshall Plan, the Council of Europe and the Brussels Pact. By including Marshall Plan members this would bring in Switzerland, Austria and Western Germany who are not involved in the other agreements. Nothing specific has been said about Atlantic recipients of Marshall Plan aid. Schuman's thought now being confined, apparently, to Europe, Turkey, and perhaps some other Middle Eastern participants.

Hoover's idea, on the other hand, would be all-encompassing, in the moral field.

One thing it would do is separate the sheep from the goats, just as the wartime United Nations provided a formal list of those countries which were lending their support—moral, military or whatnot—to the fight against the Axis.

Ch'town C. W. L. Monthly Meeting

Mrs. Lorne Noonan, newly elected president of the Charlottetown Sub-division, C.W.L., presided at the regular monthly meeting which was held Tuesday evening, May 2nd in the League Hall. The meeting opened with "O Canada" played by Miss Marion Dougan. Rev. J. W. McCardie, Director, recited prayer and the Act of Consecration. The business meeting followed with the reading of minutes of the annual meeting and two previous executive meetings, and approval of same, as read by the recording secretary, Mrs. Fred Steele. Miss Evangeline Vessey, treasurer presented the financial statement, which was duly adopted. Correspondence was read in the form of a news letter signed by the National Director, Bishop John C. Cody, and the National President, Mrs. T. E. Durocher. A second message from the National President was read concerning the painting of His Holiness Pius XII by the famous artist Yousuf Karsan of Ottawa.

The following conveners have been appointed for the coming year: Education, Mrs. P. J. Nealls; finance, Mrs. Arthur Richard; Blue Cross, Mrs. R. J. McDonald; Social Service, Mrs. Steph Murray; Membership, Mrs. J. H. Blanchard; Girl Guides, Mrs. Arthur Murray; Magazine, Mrs. Frank Walker; Lay Retreats, Mrs. C. L. McDonald; Book Review, Mrs. C. Creamer; Sick Visiting, Mrs. Peter LeClair; Citizenship, Mrs. Parnell McMahon; Home, Mrs. W. J. P. MacMillan; Program, Miss Marion Dougan.

As the work for the coming year is being organized reports of conveners were brief in accordance but intensive discussion showed that plans were well under way for an active year.

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Prizes were voted for St. Dunstan's University and a contribution of \$100.00 to the Catholic Girls' Scholarship. Plans were completed for the holding of a cake sale during the month, the date to be announced, and tentative plans were discussed for further activities. Work is continuing to assist social welfare. The conveners reported attending the annual meeting held in April. Two delegates, Mrs. L. Noonan and Mrs. S. Trainor, attended the T. J. O'Connell Memorial Dinner, which was introduced and welcomed to the Sub-division, and the conveners reported several prospective members.

In the absence of the conveners Mrs. A. Murray, a splendid report of Girl Guide activities for the month was read by the secretary, Mrs. Steele. This covered attendance at annual provincial meeting and enrollment meeting in C. W. L. Hall, presentation of badges, etc. with Mrs. Hutchison, newly-elected Provincial Commissioner and Mrs. F. Jenkins, Field Secretary in attendance.

In co-operation with the specific C.W.L. national project for Holy Year, it was decided that the Sub-division would take part in the distribution of the famous Karsh picture of Pius XII, and an order will be submitted through the official channels.

Following the close of the business meeting a most inspirational address was given by the Reverend Director, Father McCardie. The subject chosen the "Legion of Mary" was exceptionally fitting, and in keeping with the beautiful month of May, dedicated to "Our Lady."

The Reverend speaker told of the work of this spiritual organization which was founded in Dublin in 1921, and of its growth since then. It is now established in 48 dioceses throughout the world, with a membership of 15,000 in the U. S. A. and 5,000 in Canada. It was organized in this Province in

Street Repairs To Start Today

Repair men will begin their spring blitz on City Streets this morning as they turn out to uplift and patch pavement on Brighton Road and Rochford Street as the first part of a plan designed to repair all City Streets. About 50 men are to be employed in street work during the next few months.

The patch work on Brighton Road will extend straight through Euston Street and Longworth Avenue as far as the railroad track at the Eastern entrance to the City. Extensive work will also be done on Elm Avenue and Grafton Street as well as other streets needing attention.

On Rochford Street, a great deal of spade work will be required as it is intended to excavate the faulty spots to a depth of about 20 inches. Half of this depth will be filled with broken stones on which a six inch concrete base will be laid. A two inch sheeting asphalt top will be the surface on the repaired street.

The parking areas where the curb has been taken away will be paved during the summer. Supervisor of all the work will be Mr. Samuel Crockett. Mr. Joseph Costello will be head of the work in the Rochford Street area. Mr. Harry Redmond will be in charge of the patching work and the mixing plant will be run by Mr. Ed Stanley.

MR. DOUGLAS

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warehouse if the Federal grant was an outright one. Location of the new storage warehouses was rigidly controlled by the Potato Warehouse Advisory Committee.

"It is generally known," he told The Guardian, "that the Premier has never been particularly favorable to the potato industry in our Province. For that reason, he may not recall the when a group of ex-employees of the Federal Department of Agriculture made a survey of potato storage facilities in the Province in 1945, they estimated that about eleven more warehouses would be sufficient to take care of the average potato crop. These eleven new storage warehouses would be located at strategic points in the potato-growing areas.

"I have done my best here in Ottawa to persuade the Minister of Agriculture to provide Federal aid for the construction of these needed warehouses. Meeting the demand, the Department of Agriculture authorized a grant of \$100,000 for this purpose. No advantage was taken of this grant, and by the terms of the new revised regulations regarding potato warehouses, any Federal money granted for construction of warehouses will have to be refunded."

"Contrary To Facts"

It was unfortunate, Mr. Douglas said, that the Premier had felt obliged to bring discussion of Prince Edward Island's potato industry down to a personal level. "Mr. Jones is quoted as saying that I sold my warehouse at Douglas Station to a co-operator with the Provincial Government, which advanced 75 per cent of the cost. This is contrary to the facts as the price fixed by R. G. White, Provincial Government engineer, which was \$4,100. The appraisal of two competent and independent engineers, both with wide experience in valuation of buildings in Prince Edward Island and in Charlottetown was \$7,600. I retained 25 per cent of the stock in the warehouse because I believe in our potato industry.

"This is not a personal matter with me at all," Mr. Douglas said. "It is simply a matter of a man in public life doing the best he can for the principal industry of his Province.

"The farthest thing from my mind was to interfere in any way or to suggest a potato policy to be followed by the Provincial Government. But I am vitally concerned as a Federal member if a provincial government fails to offer itself of Federal assistance offered to the potato industry which accounts for 35 per cent of the revenue of our Province. It cannot be too clearly emphasized that the Federal Government for some years past has been ready to match dollar for dollar, any assistance given the industry by the Province."

Referring to a further state-

Big Tourist Season In Prospect Here

A great increase in tourist inquiries this year over previous years in all Canada have those in the travel industry looking forward to great seasons stated Brigadier W. W. Reid, Supervisor of the P. E. I. Travel Bureau and Director of Physical Fitness yesterday.

Brigadier Reid was commenting about contacts he had made with many who were engaged in the tourist business in Upper Canada during his recent business trip to Ottawa and Montreal. While in those centres he placed advertising in several newspapers and arranged for publications of articles concerning the Island.

Several still photos and moving pictures of the Island will be made this summer. Arrangements were made to this effect by Brigadier Reid in an effort to step up the publicity tempo of the tourist industry here.

In Ottawa he arranged with Lt. Col. Clarence Campbell, President of the National Hockey League to again assist in staging the annual P.E.I. coaches and hockey school.

In addition to his other calls in Montreal and Ottawa, Brigadier Reid met with officials of the Department of the Physical Fitness branch of Health and Welfare and officials of the Government Tourist Bureau and the National Parks branch of the Department of Mines and Resources. He also attended the annual meetings of the National Boy Scout Executive Council.

ment attributed to Premier Jones, to the effect that no new agreement had been announced recently, Mr. Douglas said: "If the Premier does not believe in new Federal-Provincial agreement on storage warehouses exists, he should read Order-in-Council P.C. 2017 of April 20, which sets forth the revised regulations and also re-voles P.C. 4638 of December 3, 1947 which provided Federal assistance for warehouses.

"In this matter," the Liberal member for Queen's concluded, "the potato growers and shippers of Prince Edward Island know what is best for the advancement of the industry. I am fully prepared to submit my efforts here on their behalf and my opinions to their good judgment."

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BIRTHS

WARREN — At the Moncton City Hospital on April 29th to Mr. and Mrs. James P. Warren, a son, Peter Michael.

JEWELL — At the P. E. Island Hospital on April 28th, 1950, to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Jewell, North River, a daughter, Lorraine Wendy.

DEATHS

CAMERON — At Head of Hillsboro on Monday, May 1, Calvin B. Cameron, in his 75th year. Funeral from his late residence tomorrow (Thursday), service starting at 2 o'clock.

BURT — At French River, May 2, 1950, Mrs. Jacob Burt, aged 82 years. The remains will be forwarded from Davison's Funeral Parlors, Kensington, Wednesday to home of her grandson, Ellsworth Basset, Sea View, where funeral will be held on Thursday at 2 p.m. Interment Burlington Cemetery.

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