

Delay Seen Likely In Loan Auction

By DON HARRHIGHT
OTTAWA (CP)—Normally a new auction of government-insured mortgages could be expected within a few weeks from the big \$1,000,000,000-plus portfolio of the federal housing agency, Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

concern with the Bank of Canada and the finance department, is likely to delay another offering for various reasons. These are the biggest:

1. The potential conflict of a mortgage auction with scheduled government refunding operations. The \$223,000,000 eighth issue of 1963 maturing on Oct. 1 and on Dec. 5 a \$300,000,000 issue of 1960 falls due.
2. Lingering uncertainty over both the scope and the impact of the proposed United States interest equalization law. If passed, it would be retroactive to July 15. Though Canada's would be exempted on new issues, More bidders than ever before

entire picture and the entire \$35,000,000 offering was swept up. CMHC later heard reports of an active after-market in these mortgages.

These developments come at a time when CMHC was spotting encouraging signs in its efforts, begun in mid-1961, to develop in Canada the kind of secondary mortgage market active in the U.S. for years. The object in stimulating mortgage trading was to get more private money into housing, chiefly from pension funds and individuals.

Last May's auction, eighth in a series, was regarded as one of the best from this standpoint. More bidders than ever before

Commonwealth Scholarships Are Awarded

OTTAWA (CP) — Commonwealth scholarships for one and two years of postgraduate study at British universities have been awarded to 32 Canadians, the United Kingdom high commis-

ion announced today. The scholarships have no flat value, but cover travel expenses, tuition fees and living expenses. Special allowances are given to married students. The subjects range from philosophy to civic design.

The scholars will be leaving Canada later this month. This is the fourth year of the scheme that was initiated at the Commonwealth trade and economic conference in Montreal in 1958. Most commonwealth countries participate in the exchange program. The Canadian recipients were recommended to the Commonwealth scholarship commission by the Canadian Univer-

ties' Foundation. The scholars include: Atlantic provinces—Ellen J. Rowley, Saint John, N.B., Leeds University, England. Quebec—J. G. B. Angers, Ecole Normale Industrielle Relations; Real Reid, Heriwell, Cranfield College of Aeronautics, aeronautics; Dirk van Vliet, Montreal, Cambridge, experimental physics; J. M. Cohen, Montreal, Oxford, philosophy; J. M. Barre, Montreal, Edinburgh, civic design.

Railway Freight Shows Increase

OTTAWA (CP)—Freight loadings on railway cars rose slightly in mid-August, the bureau of statistics reported Wednesday.

Loadings of railway revenue freight during the seven-day period to Aug. 21 numbered 73,414 cars. This was an increase of 0.6 per cent over the corresponding period of 1962.

Loadings of 72,945 in the similar period of 1962. Cars received from connections rose 3.5 per cent to 20,835.



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HE DID IT AGAIN

Winnipeg lawyer Abe Yanofsky won the Canadian Closed Chess championship Monday at the completion of a 10-day round-robin tournament of 13 matches. Yanofsky, who

Ground Rules Are Explained In CS Streamlining Probe

By ROBERT RICE
OTTAWA (CP)—A special team of senior government officials has launched a twin investigation that may lead to a major overhaul of the present unwieldy system of classifying and paying federal employees as well as producing a blueprint for civil service collective bargaining.

Mr. Heenee was flanked by the top leaders in the four major civil service staff associations as he set out the ground rules and objectives of the search for a workable collective bargaining arrangement. An annual pay bill of more than \$800,000,000 involving some 385,000 civil servants will be at stake when the government and its employees sit down on opposite sides of a bargaining table to negotiate wages and working conditions in a union-type contract.

Mr. Heenee made it clear that the committee's mandate is to "conduct" civil service groups during its investigation, but will not be negotiating any agreement for a streamlined pay classification system or for collective bargaining machinery.

"We're going to give what is our best opinion after we have consulted and after we have studied," he declared. "It will not be a negotiated settlement of this problem."

It will be the judgment of the committee following the closest consultation that we can get. That is a distinction of some importance.

Mr. Heenee indicated that he has worked out an informal agreement with the leaders of civil service staff organizations to keep a difference of opinion from erupting into public during the investigation.

He said the committee's investigation will be aimed at two specific targets:

1. To find out how to streamline the "jungle of technicalities" surrounding the 1,827 grades of civil servants and their related pay scales, a classification system that has grown like a cancer since it was introduced in 1919.
2. To prepare machinery for collective bargaining and arbitration to negotiate wages and

Oddities In Insect World Are Noted At Convention

By ARCH MACKENZIE
OTTAWA (CP)—Insects are capable of completely different kinds of evolution than other animals including man, the Canadian Entomology Conference was told Wednesday.

Insects show tolerance for reproduction of offspring despite any substantial shifts in the mix of genes—the cells governing heredity, said H. H. Sitch of Queen's University, Kingston, Ont.

But man and other mammals frequently abort before producing such offspring, he declared. Other points at the second day of the week-long meeting marking 100 years of Canadian study of insect life.

Canadian firms have shown little or no commercial interest in insect poisons based on bacteria rather than the chemical compounds which have aroused international concern about over usage.

There are about 10,000,000 living organisms and use of electronic computers is inevitable to handle their cataloguing and the storage of the complex characters which differentiate them.

Finally, the conference of 400 heard about non-insects which all emerge into adulthood between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. in a day.

SUGGEST VIRUSES USEFUL

T. A. Angus of the federal forestry research station at Sault Ste. Marie reviewed the experience and prospects of attacking harmful insects through viruses, fungi and bacteria.

Fungi showed a good capacity for attacking insects, he said, although it was not easily controlled for that purpose. A long-range program was being initiated for that purpose using the woolly fly aphid.

As insect poisons formed from bacteria resources, these had the advantage in many cases of being non-poisonous to birds, other animals and humans.

But Dr. Henry Hortic, federal agriculture department pest-control authority, said in reply to a question that he is not aware of any interest in this area by Canadian companies.

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LIZ STAYS
LONDON (AP)—Actress Elizabeth Taylor's secretary said Tuesday she and actor Richard Burton probably will stay in England another week or two before going to Mexico. In Mexico, Burton will play a leading role in the film version of Tennessee Williams' play 'The Night of the Iguana.' Miss Taylor has no part in the film but is expected to accompany Burton, her husband's companion.

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