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Railways, Unions Sign 2-Year Master Contract

Worth 50 Million Dollars To 130,000 Rail Workers

MONTREAL (CP) — Railway officials and union negotiators for some 130,000 non-operating railway workers Wednesday night signed a new two-year master contract worth about \$50,000,000 and the unions promptly withdrew their threat of a rail strike next Monday.

The total cost was estimated by the railways at \$67,000,000, \$41,500,000 for the CNR and \$25,500,000 for the CPR.

A few minor points involved in the new non-op agreement are to be discussed later, but the major wage and holiday issues were settled without difficulty.

There are one or two points remaining for clarification," said CNR vice-president W. T. Wilson. "But they are minor."

Mr. Wilson also said the railways will be in touch immediately with representatives of other railway unions who have wage disputes pending.

STILL NEGOTIATING
Three other unions—representing locomotive firemen, engineers and railway trainmen—have contract negotiations in abeyance with the railways. They had sought wage increases ranging from 18 per cent to 25 per cent, but had suspended their contract talks until the non-op dispute had been settled.

The new non-op agreement provides for two retroactive wage increases, a four per cent hourly boost going back to Jan. 1, plus a three per cent increase as of Sept. 1. A third increase, another three per cent, is to be paid starting next April.

The contract is to expire Dec. 31, 1959, which faces the railways with the possibility of another round of wage demands about a year from now.

The current dispute started more than a year ago when the unions asked for wage increases worth about 35 cents an hour. It moved through a series of unsuccessful negotiations, then to a three-man conciliation board and finally ended in the lap of the federal government.

ACCEPTED REPORT
The unions accepted the conciliation board report but the railways went to the Board of Transport Commissioners to get the money to pay for the conciliation board's recommendations, asking for a 19-per-cent freight rate increase and getting only 17 per cent effective next Monday.

Eight provinces—all except Quebec and Ontario—appealed against the rate boost in a series of hearings before the cabinet earlier this week.

Mann Declines Rates Comment
HALIFAX (CP) — Howard A. Mann of Moncton, executive manager of the Maritimes Transportation Commission, declined comment Wednesday on the federal cabinet's decision to allow the railroads a 17-per-cent freight rate boost.

"The intention of the government is to provide both an immediate alleviation of discrimination who it exists, and a long term solution to the broader problems."

START CHAIN REACTION
The instant his heart stopped beating for as long as five seconds a chain reaction began.

An electrical beam was broken in the sentry machine. Orders sped to the pacemaker—and a short 1½-volt shock zipped into Shapiro's heart, jolting it back into life again.

At first Shapiro needed almost constant help from the machine. Then as days passed he could go for a few hours without his electrical first aid.

Finally, still plugged into the pacemaker, he could spend his days reading, watching television and meeting friends.

GOES HOME
Last Friday, doctors took the little pacemaker stinger from Shapiro's heart—and Wednesday he went home to his wife, four children and 11 grandchildren.

His family bought a portable version of the pacemaker and Shapiro will have it on hand in his Brooklyn home.

Unlike the hospital machine in which is plugged into an ordinary wall socket, Shapiro's portable will have batteries and won't have to be inserted into his heart. Two electrical bars will fit on his chest over his heart.

The machine will be a sort of "doctor in the house" until doctors can bring permanent help.

MAJOR FACTOR
A factor is the 17-per-cent general freight rate increase allowed Wednesday by the government, one of the largest in a series of post-war boosts. To some extent,

Consumers Losing Faith In Island-Grown Potatoes

Former Cape Wolfe Man, Taxi Missing

HALIFAX (CP)—Police Chief Verduin Mitchell said Wednesday he is "a little disturbed" at the blanks drawn in a police hunt for part-time Halifax taxi driver Charles V. Reilly, missing since Nov. 16.

Intense searching in the Halifax area has failed to find either the 35-year-old driver or his two-tone cab. Police throughout the Maritimes have been alerted.

The taxi bore the letters "ABC Taxi" on the side and on a roof light.

Reilly is a native of Cape Wolf, P. E. I. He was last seen sitting in his cab parked on downtown Street.

Sloppy packaging, short weight bags and improper tagging are slowly but surely destroying consumer confidence in P. E. I. potatoes, W. A. MacLennan said here last night.

Mr. MacLennan, who is chairman of the provincial Potato Marketing Board, bases his conclusion on personal observations and contacts made at the recently concluded Royal Winter Fair.

Many of the hundreds of Toronto housewives who visited the Island booth at the big show put the same question to himself or one of the three other Islanders behind the show counters.

"What has happened to your P. E. I. potatoes?" they inquired. "In the past we always bought Island Sebago and found them excellent, but now those we bring home turn yellow, green, or some other color when exposed to light. What is wrong?"

PROBABLE ANSWER
Mr. MacLennan said that in his opinion the answer lay in the fact that Kennebec and other varieties were being marketed as Sebago.

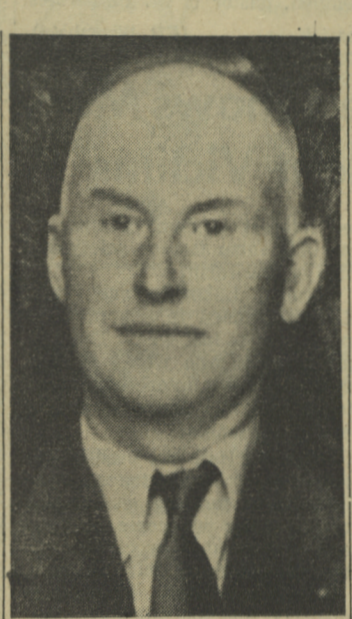
In addition, several dealers had complained to him of short weight and below par shipments, the Board chairman asserted.

One dealer had taken over 40 bags of jumbos from a car of obvious Kennebecs guaranteed to contain only medium sized Sebagoes, he said.

"In the long run," Mr. MacLennan remarked, "it is the producer that is going to suffer the most from these practices. If continued, our market, particularly in Ontario, will be a thing of the past. Therefore it is primarily the grower's responsibility to see to it that every bag of potatoes he ships contains the correct weight and the variety listed on the label."

Better packaging was also becoming increasingly important, Mr. MacLennan noted. Ontario and New Brunswick product now had much better "eye appeal" than the Island pack.

CHANGED TREND
"Five years ago we were 10 years ahead of the rest of the country in both pack and quality."



MR. MACLENNAN

now we are at least five years behind in packaging."

What the eventual solution to these knotty problems might be, the board chairman would not venture to predict.

He said that he and the other Board members had hoped that the revamped Producer's Association would have been in position to take over the guidance of potato affairs by this time, but as yet had made no move to do so.

He expressed satisfaction at the provincial Federation of Agriculture's recent pronouncement on the weight question and guaranteed that body the board's fullest co-operation.

NO IMMEDIATE EFFECT
The increase in Canadian freight rates allowed by the federal Cabinet yesterday would not have any immediate effect on the rates protected under the Agreed Charge, Mr. MacLennan stated.

The agreement called for 90 days' notice before cancellation or amendment and boat officials had to date received no such notification.

At the fair booth Mr. MacLennan was assisted by Miss Margaret Macmillan, board secretary; federal inspector Stewart MacFarlane and provincial fieldman, David Rogers.

May Announce Phone Rates Decision Today

OTTAWA (CP) — The cabinet may announce today its decision on an appeal against a rate increase awarded to the Bell Telephone Company by the board of transport commissioners.

Acting prime minister Green said after a cabinet meeting Wednesday the decision may be announced today. The appeal is against an average five-per-cent increase, effective Dec. 1 in Ontario and Quebec.

The increase would yield about \$17,000,000 a year to the company which asked it mainly to provide a deferred tax reserve.

Forty-one Quebec and Ontario municipalities and eight provinces—all except Ontario and Quebec—appealed the award by the transport commissioners last Nov. 17.

A spokesman said the otter will try again today to reach the village of Povungnituk, Que., where the child lives. The name of the child and nature of the illness were not known here.

The pilot will fly to Great Whale River, Que., where the patient will be transferred to a Dakota for transport to a Hamilton hospital.

Official Soviet sources said Gromyko told the East German leadership of plans for the impending Russian withdrawal from East Berlin.

MEAN TO STAY
Prime Minister Macmillan in a personal note to Soviet Premier Khrushchev sent during the week-end told him the Big Three mean to stay on in West Berlin—and without recognizing the East German Communist regime.

The allies appeared confident the Russians would not risk a shooting war over Berlin if the East Communist regime were to try a blockade and it was met by such measures as an airlift.

SHOCKED BY PLAN
But State Secretary Dulles shocked West German officials by saying in Washington the allies would deal with the East Germans as agents of the Soviet Union if necessary to keep open supply lines to their garrisons.

"We know of no such agreement between the Western allies," a Bonn government spokesman said.

A spokesman for Chancellor Konrad Adenauer said Bonn would reject any Western move recognizing the East Germans as agents of the Soviet Union.

Premier de Gaulle and Adenauer eliminated the Republicans' last chance to prevent a shutout when he took an insurmountable lead over ex-governor Mike Stevovich in the battle for one of the U.S. Senate seats.

In Anchorage, Gruening credited vigorous campaigning and a united Democratic effort for his victory.

The count was slow because many precincts locked up the ballots overnight and were not expected to have complete totals until late Wednesday. Tabulations not finished Wednesday would be delayed until Friday because of the U.S. Thanksgiving holiday.

On the basis of unofficial returns, this is the way the nation's last election the year stood:

E. L. Bartlett, 54, a Juneau Democrat, was elected to the Senate in a landslide. He was about 6 to 1 ahead of Republican R. E. Robertson, a 63-year-old Juneau lawyer.

Gruening, 71, of Juneau was maintaining an edge of about 500 votes over Mike Stevovich, his Republican opponent. Stevovich, 39, a lawyer from Fairbanks, resigned as appointed governor of Alaska in August to seek the Senate seat.



CHRISTMAS IN NOVEMBER

Forgotten were the prospects of a heart operation at Halifax soon, and yesterday seemed just like Christmas for five-year-old Shirley Carroll, as she received a brand new doll from Santa Claus who came right to her home as soon as he arrived by plane at Summerside yesterday afternoon. Shirley, only child of Flying Officer and Mrs. J. D. Carroll, was born on the Island shortly before her parents were transferred from the local RCAF

and returned here again in March of this year when they returned to the Summerside air base. For Shirley, the visit of Santa was one of her most exciting experiences, and her parents last evening said that their little daughter was thrilled beyond words, and that they were most grateful to Santa and to everyone who had made possible his unexpected visit. Santa will arrive in Charlottetown early this afternoon. (RCAF Photo)

Control Of Blindness In Canada Said "Best"

"Thanks to the Canadian National Institute of the Blind, the situation in Canada in regard to the problem of controlling blindness is one of the best, if not the best, in the world," Professor Charles MacInnes M.A., LL.D., said last night in addressing a joint meeting of the P.E.I. Advisory Board, Women's Auxiliary and Friendship Club of the Blind at the Charlottetown Hotel.

Professor MacInnes went on to say that Charlottetown is the 42nd city he visited during his tour of Canada in which he has seen the work of the Canadian organization. In his opinion he considered the work being done by this institute as "marvelous and stupendous."

The English professor is at present touring Canada speaking to various groups of the blind, hearing and auxiliaries of the C.N.I.B. He started his tour September 8th and since then has spoken to more than 42 organizations.

From Charlottetown Mr. MacInnes goes to North Sydney, Newfoundland and Halifax. He will leave for his home town in England December 1st.

"BACKWARD COUNTRIES"
In speaking on the work of the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind, he said the institute was mainly concerned with the problem of blindness in "backward" countries of the Commonwealth—Africa, East India, etc.

"There are over 3,000,000 blind people in the Commonwealth; 2,000,000 in India and Pakistan; Calcutta has as many blind people as the whole Dominion of Canada," he said.

Having satisfied themselves with the extent of blindness in the Commonwealth, the organization, which began in 1950, started to examine the cause.

In their research, the organization learned that there were special diseases which affect millions

and millions of people living in the tropics.

MAJOR CAUSES
Some of the major causes of blindness he noted were trachoma, river blindness, leprosy, malnutrition or lack of personal hygiene and ignorance of the people, in those countries.

The Commonwealth Society, he said, following eight years of research have perfected a cure for river blindness. "Two out of three million people suffering from this disease, can be cured or the disease prevented."

In regard to those who can't be cured, he said, the society provides education for the children and rehabilitation for the adults.

Double N.S. Hog Production, Aim
TRURO (CP)—President Ross Hill of the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture said Wednesday provincial hog producers hope to double their production by 1960.

Mr. Hill said in an interview the producers hope to process 300,000 hogs in 1960. At present only about 50,000 are produced, about a quarter of Nova Scotia's consumption.

Nuclear Weapon On Burning U.S. Aircraft
WASHINGTON (AP)—A U.S. Air Force B-47 medium jet bomber burned at Chennault air force base, La., Wednesday with a nuclear weapon aboard.

The air force, announcing that the plane carried an atomic weapon, added: "There was no danger—a nuclear explosion and no harmful nuclear radiation is present."

The brief air force statement said that "well established procedures for handling such mishaps were carried out as a matter of routine."

All persons on the base, except those actively engaged in fighting the fire, were ordered from the area, the air force said.

The medium bomber, one of the aircraft of the Strategic Air Command, burned while parked on the flight line.

The fire apparently started, the air force said, when a rocket assistant takeoff bottle exploded.

Fire fighting units brought the blaze under control after the alert had been sounded to clear the area.

North River Man Named To Board Of Jersey Club

TORONTO (CP)—James Vickerson of North River, P.E.I., has been elected to the board of directors of the Canadian Jersey Cattle Club for 1959, it was announced Wednesday.

He is the only change in the existing board. Among those re-elected were Pierre Veillon, Sweetsburg, Que., and Robert W. Simpson, Melbourne, Que.

CRASHES IN BAY
NEW YORK (AP)—An Air National Guard twin-engine plane with four persons aboard crashed into Jamaica Bay and sank Wednesday, the coast guard reported.

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