

MONDAY.

Conciliation Board To Get Railway Dispute Case

MONTREAL, (CP)—A contract dispute between Canadian railways and 150,000 of their non-operating employees will be placed in the hands of a federal conciliation board.

Frank H. Hall, spokesman for unions representing the workers, Thursday said the decision to ask for a conciliation board was reached Wednesday when discussions with the railways broke down for a second time.

In Ottawa, Labor Minister Gregg said he will act quickly to establish the board as soon as a formal request for one is received.

The unions are asking for so-called "fringe" benefits such as longer vacations with pay, sick pay allowance, overtime pay for Sunday work and an increased number of statutory holidays with pay.

The railways estimate the demands would cost them \$60,000,000 annually. Involved in the negotiations are the Canadian National, Canadian Pacific, Hamilton and Buffalo and Ontario Northland railways. Seventeen unions representing all categories of non-operating employees are involved in the discussions.

Strike Threat
Direct union-railway negotiations broke off about two weeks ago. The appointment of two federal conciliators followed, but new discussions failed to break the deadlock.

A strike threat was placed before the railways within the last few days by a union not involved in the contract negotiations.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen (Ind) announced that 94 per cent of its membership voted in favor of strike action to back demands for settlement by the railways of a jurisdictional dispute. The union claims it should have the right to represent firemen who temporarily move up to the rank of engineer. At present the men are represented by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Enginemen.

In a statement Thursday, spokesmen for the CNR and CPR said: "This is purely a matter of representation between two railway unions, and is not within the power of the railway management to adjudicate."

To Introduce Bill Calling For National Flag

OTTAWA, (CP)—Bona Arsenault (L-Bonaventure) plans to introduce a bill in the Commons next week calling for the adoption of a "suitable distinctive national flag for Canada."

He said in a statement Friday that he realizes a resolution he presented last Wednesday, suggesting that adoption of a national flag be studied by special House and Senate committees, was not the best way of approaching the problem.

Hence the new bill, Mr. Arsenault, who joined in a vote of adjournment on his resolution, said the bill would reach the floor of the House next week.

Says Carelessness Causes 95 Per Cent Traffic Accidents

MONTREAL, (CP)—A safety expert said Thursday 95 per cent of all traffic accidents are caused by human negligence.

Lt.-Col. Howard M. Baker, safety director of the Montreal Transportation Commission, said experiments showed that most traffic accidents could be avoided. He spoke at a service club luncheon meeting, called to launch a safe-driving campaign.

In a move aimed at reducing the traffic toll, the Quebec government will conduct driving tests for automobile licence holders. Due to start next week, the tests are said to be as severe as any in the world.

Col. Baker said mechanical defects are responsible for a relatively small percentage of the mishaps, and defects in roads cause even a smaller number.

Traffic accidents could be traced to the lack of traffic and driving knowledge on the part of drivers who have the ability but just never bother to qualify themselves for the dangerous task they are undertaking.

Lack of driving skill was another reason. Some drivers know all the theories behind the mechanical operation of an automobile, but lack the proper muscular and mental co-ordination required for practical operation.

In the wake of his speech came the report of a McGill University psychologist who has studied drivers and traffic problem. The report said any effort to mass screen drivers and sort out those prone to accidents is doomed to failure.

The tests planned by the government include 30 questions on the highway code and machines designed to check eyesight, nerve-muscle co-ordination and reactions.

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Wife Pleads For Return Of African King

KAMPALA, Uganda. (Reuters)—Darnall, the young wife of the exiled kabaka (king) of Buganda, has sent a cable to Queen Elizabeth pleading for her husband's return to his country.

Kabaka Mutesa II, banished for refusing to co-operate with the colonial government, now is in Britain.

The cable, published Thursday in the Buganda newspaper Uganda Buzza, was sent to the liner Gothic, now carrying the Queen across the Pacific.

It read: "I, Nabageraka (queen) of Buganda, and subscribing signatories, joyally and humbly implore Your Majesty's intervention in the matter of the banishment of my husband, the kabaka of Buganda."

"Our country is grief-stricken and it is our profound conviction that the continued exile of the kabaka will not only imperil Your Majesty's interests in the protectorate as a whole but bring further untold misery on the Buganda people."

Self-governing Buganda now is ruled by a regency council appointed by the British colonial governor.

Freighters To Be Floating Grain Elevators

MONTREAL, (CP)—Freighters will serve as floating elevators for 2,000,000 bushels of grain here this winter, the first time in many years that such a step became necessary.

Congested grain elevators from Quebec to the head of the Great Lakes forced the search for additional storage space and the freighters provided the answer, officials said Friday.

Usually, the freighters are empty during winter months. Officials said they are bringing in extra ships and the largest winter fleet in some seasons is expected.

Huge prairie crops during the last two years, in addition to marketing difficulties, caused the storage problem.

Nov. Creamery Butter Production

OTTAWA, (CP)—Production of creamery butter in Canada during November totalled 16,065,000 pounds compared with 15,422,000 in November, 1952, the Bureau of Statistics reported Friday.

Margarine production in November rose to 10,399,000 pounds from last year's corresponding total of 9,190,000, but the cumulative output for the first 11 months of this year declined to 95,862,000 from 96,666,000 a year ago.

Stocks of creamery butter on Dec. 1 amounted to 82,598,000 pounds, down from Nov. 1 holdings of 91,614,000, but up from last year's corresponding total of 66,200,000 pounds. Stocks of margarine at the beginning of this month were up to 2,999,000 from 2,274,000 on Nov. 1 and 1,907,000 at the same time last year.

Drops Question Re Gouzenko

OTTAWA, (CP)—Amount of public money spent on behalf of Igor Gouzenko may never be made public, it was indicated Wednesday in the Commons.

A. M. Nicholson (CCF - MacKenzie) placed a question on the order paper some time ago asking for "the total expense incurred by the Canadian government on behalf of Igor Gouzenko since he became a government ward."

Justice Minister Garson told the House he had spoken privately to Mr. Nicholson and he had agreed to drop the question.

Gouzenko, the former Russian embassy cipher clerk who exposed the Soviet spy ring in 1945, is living under an assumed name in an Ontario town. He is a Canadian citizen and has freedom of movement although he is guarded by the R.C.M.P.

Forgot To Use Extinguisher

LIVERPOOL, (Reuters)—A sailor or admitted Wednesday it "never occurred to him" to get a fire extinguisher when he saw flames and smoke aboard the 30,000-ton Canadian Pacific liner Empress of France, burned out in a dock fire last January.

Charles Francis Evans, charge-hand in the ship's stoke-hold, also told an official inquiry into the fire that if it had occurred to him he would not have known where to find an extinguisher.

The inquiry, which has been sitting three days, heard that workers went about their jobs overlooking the liner, thinking a fire below deck was unimportant.

By the time they took action, the flames had taken too strong a hold on the ship, which eventually heeled over on its side, a total wreck. The hearing continues.

Westerner Wins 25th Wheat Title For Canada In U. S.



Crowned new wheat king at the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago, Fred W. Hallworth of Taber, Alta., is a newcomer to the International.

His Reward variety of hard red spring wheat was selected as the most nearly perfect of hundreds of samples entered in the competition. His sample weighed 65.6 pounds to the bushel, which, judges said, was very high. Hallworth's victory marked the 25th time Canada has won the wheat crown of North America. U. S. farmers have won the wheat championship only six times in the 31 years the grain show has operated as part of the International.

Issue Detailed Statement In Marcotte Case

TORONTO, (CP)—The Canadian Amateur Hockey Association Wednesday issued a detailed statement elaborating on its Dec. 7 decision that goalie Jacques Marcotte is Quebec Citadelles' property.

Citadelles are a Quebec entry in the Junior A division of the Ontario Hockey Association. Frontenacs play in the Quebec Junior Hockey League. With Citadelles last season, Marcotte has been playing this season with Frontenacs despite an unsettled injunction application submitted in Quebec Superior Court.

The issue was decided after a six-hour CAHA meeting at which the Frontenac club claimed there had been misrepresentation by the Citadelles in two respects: that Citadelles had entered into a contract with Marcotte that he would be able to attend l'Academie Commerciale in Quebec City, and in a subsequent contract the succeeding year had promised that Marcotte would play junior A hockey.

The CAHA said that while Citadelles were not able to arrange for Marcotte's tuition at l'Academie Commerciale, "every effort was made for this at other institutions but the player was not cooperative."

Evening Classes

"It was noteworthy that when he entered into a contract with the club in the succeeding year with the knowledge and approval of his parents, no mention whatever was made as to any educational advantages," the CAHA statement said.

"During the present season, although the school term commenced Sept. 2, the player had not enrolled at any educational institution until Oct. 30 and during November had attended approximately three hours weekly of evening classes only."

In connection with the claim he had been promised he would play junior A hockey during the 1952-53 season, the contract actually provided only that he would be paid "for participation in junior A classification" at a stated salary, the CAHA found.

"This salary was paid throughout the season, and the player was carried as a substitute goalkeeper for the junior A club throughout the season, and when he commenced to play as goalkeeper for the junior B team in December, it was not because the club Citadelles was threatening to discipline his services but because club officials and the player himself considered that the experience would be valuable to him."

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Drew Sees Too Much Profit From Crown Company

OTTAWA, (CP)—Opposition leader Drew suggested Thursday in the Commons the government is making too large a profit out of Northern Transportation Co. Ltd., a crown-owned company which serves the Northwest Territories.

He also suggested that the number of elected members of the territories council be increased from three to five.

Mr. Drew was speaking on a government resolution, later passed unanimously, proposing amendments to acts dealing with the territories. A bill outlining these amendments was then introduced and given first reading.

Mr. Drew said that in 1951 total assets of Northern Transportation Co. were \$3,586,000 and the profit \$444,940. Last year, the company had lost \$600,000 without interest to Eldorado Mining and Refining Co., another crown-owned company.

The Progressive Conservative leader said a "very reasonable" profit would be the "wise course" for a crown-owned corporation, which moves goods along the Athabasca and Mackenzie rivers. Taking a smaller profit would prevent hardship for users of this "essential" service, though he acknowledged that the chief user was Eldorado.

Urges Self-Government
Mr. Drew said the government should move as rapidly as possible toward self-government for the territories. Though the population now was too small for the territories to become a province, perhaps a similar status could be worked out for them in time.

Increasing the number of elected members on the council from three to five—there are also one commissioner and five appointed members—would emphasize Parliament's faith in the north.

Resources Minister Leasage said he will discuss the matter with the council. Only in 1950 had it been decided to have elected representatives. It was a difficult problem because the population was so scattered. The number of voters was extremely small compared to any federal or provincial constituency.

The House also gave third and final reading to a bill changing the name of the resources and development department to the department of northern affairs and national resources. The bill now goes to the senate for consideration.

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Release Report On Bankruptcies

OTTAWA, (CP)—A total of 394 firms went into bankruptcy during the third quarter of 1953, involving defaulted liabilities of \$8,075,000, the Bureau of Statistics reported Friday.

This was a sharp increase compared with the third quarter of last year. For the nine-month period, there were fewer failures but more money involved.

For the nine-month period, there were 1,127 failures, compared with 1,164 in the same 1952 period, but total liabilities were up nearly seven per cent to \$23,943,000.

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