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## Canada's Economy Feeling Effect Of U.S. Steel Strike

BY RICHARD J. GWIN  
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OTTAWA (Special)—With the U.S. steel strike now past the crucial eight weeks mark, its effect on the Canadian economy can be expected to become progressively sharper and more disturbing.

Experts in the United States calculated that the American economy could stand an eight-week long steel strike without harmful effects. That date is now past and both here and south of the border the pinch is becoming tighter.

An official of the Department of Trade and Commerce reported that shortages of flat rolled products, notably sheet and plate, are beginning to appear in Canada.

Many customers of sheet and plate producers such as Stelco, Difasco and Algoma, have been put on quotas.

Canadian steel production, filling the gap of U.S. imports, is booming along. Mills are running at around 95 per cent of rated capacity with the Ontario mills close to full capacity. Production

for the first seven months of this year is up 21 per cent over 1958.

**CANADA TAKES ALL**  
However, despite the growing shortages in the United States where more than three-quarters of the mills have been idle since the second week in July, Canadian domestic demand has been eating up virtually all Canadian production with exports to the U.S. up only slightly.

Most of the pressure on the Canadian mills can be traced to the resurgence of the Canadian economy after the recession of 1957 and 1958.

However, the U.S. steel strike has had a direct beneficial influence on Canadian iron ore production. Both Difasco and Stelco in Hamilton have switched from American supplies to Steep Rock near the Lakehead and Labrador. This is shown up in shipping figures for the St. Lawrence Seaway.

**CONSTRUCTION COSTS**  
Only positive effect the steel strike has so far had on Canadian industry is that inventories

are daily becoming more unbalanced.

Shortages are beginning to show up among certain key heavy sections. These are not made in Canada but only in the United States.

Although to date there have been no delays in major construction projects, contractors will soon have to use a number of lighter sections to make up for heavy sections in short supply and construction costs will inevitably increase.

No one in the U.S. and still less in Canada is prepared to make a forecast of when the strike will end. All observers expect it to continue beyond October 1st.

The make or break point will be when the huge automobile manufacturers start to feel the pinch and then pressure to bring about a settlement will build up very rapidly.

**EXPANSION PROSPECTS**

Meanwhile the longer-term outlook for the Canadian steel industry appears good.

Two big new mills, Inter-Provincial of Regina with a scheduled production of 110,000 tons and Big-Inch of Calgary with planned production of 120,000 tons of pipe, are due to go into operation early next year.

J.W. Sharp, president of both corporations, said recently in Vancouver that production capacities of both mills might have to be increased right at the start to meet requirements of the oil and gas industry. Alberta Gas Trunk Co. faces possible shortages due to the steel strike.

Shipyards on the Great Lakes, also heavy buyers of steel products are being kept busy constructing five new giant lakes, each of 150,000 tons or more, for the 1960 season.

Finally work is going ahead at Contrecoeur, Que., 25 miles down the St. Lawrence from Montreal on a new \$20-million mill being built by Dosco for rolled steel products.

## Miscouche Home And School Welcomes New Teachers

MISCOUCHE—The first meeting of the Miscouche Home and School Association was held on Sept. 16 in the convent auditorium with a record attendance.

The president, Mrs. B.W. DesRoches, opened the meeting by reciting the Home and School code of ethics. In her opening address she welcomed all the members and she made special mention of Rev. Sister St. Charite, the new superior of the convent, and the new teachers on the staff: Sister St. Therese d'Alba, Grade XI; Sister St. Margaret Louise, Grade X; Gerald Gallant, Grades 7 and 8 boys; Mrs. Emmanuel Poirier, Grade 2 and Sister St. Lorraine, Grade 1.

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The Mother Superior thanked the members for their warm welcome and asked for their continued interest and co-operation, for, she said, "success with the children is only achieved through perfect understanding between parents and teachers."

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meeting was won by the pupils of Grades 2 and 3.

After some discussion it was decided to sponsor a Field Day again this year. Two committees were appointed: one to take charge of the sports and one to take charge of the canteen.

**TO WINTER FAIR**  
Rev. Sister St. Emmanuel gave the names of the winners of the 4-H Garden Club Achievement Day held in Miscouche Sept. 15. She announced that one of the members of the Sewing Club, Sylvia Poirier, had been chosen to attend the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto.

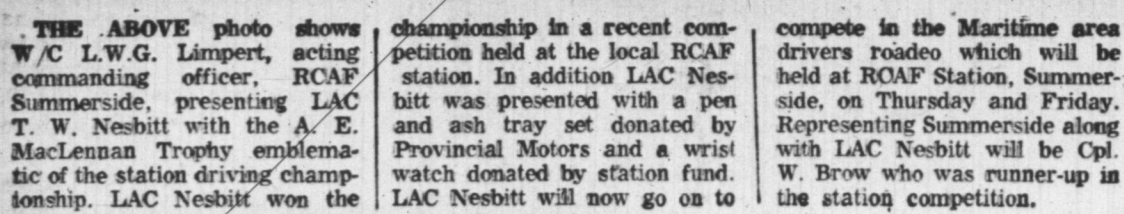
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THE ABOVE photo shows W/C L.W.G. Limpert, acting commanding officer, RCAF Summerside, presenting LAC T. W. Nesbitt with the A. E. MacLennan Trophy emblematic of the station driving championship. LAC Nesbitt won the

## Maritime RCAF Road Race Slated For Summerside

SUMMERSIDE—The RCAF's Maritime area safe and skilled annual driving competition will be held at RCAF Station, Summerside, on the 24th and 25th of September. There are to be 22 contestants competing in this road race representing the following stations: Greenwood, N.S.; Torbay, Nfld.; Chata, N.B.; Maritime Air Command, Halifax, N.S.; S. Margaret's, N.B.; Beaverbank, N.S.; Sydney, N.S.; Gander, Nfld.; No 5 Supply Depot of Moncton, N.B.; Debert, N.S.; and Summerside.

The Summerside station eliminations were held earlier this month with the following drivers competing: Cpl. W.G. Gathercole, Cpl. W. Brown, Cpl. A.J. Delage, LAC T.W. Nesbitt, LAC W.T. Maxwell, LAC R. Robitaille, LAC A. Wiens and LAC A. Burnley. The competition was a close one but when all the points had been tabulated LAC Nesbitt emerged the winner with Corporal Brown being the runner-up.

In order to be eligible to compete in the station eliminations drivers must be employed at driving duties for at least 12 months prior to the competition

and must remain an accident free record during this time. The two top contestants from the Maritime area eliminations will proceed to Toronto where they will compete against the successful contestants from the other provincial areas and No. 1 Air Division, Europe. Out of the elimination the top three will go on to the Canadian National Truck Road Race, also in Toronto, where they will compete with the top three drivers of the army, who will have gone through similar contests.

Of these six drivers, the three judged most proficient are awarded prizes of \$300, \$200 and \$100 for first, second and third places respectively. They also receive a miniature trophy for permanent retention. The first place winner also receives the Armed Services Annual Trophy which he may retain for a year, or as long as he successfully defends his title.

The road race at Summerside on Thursday and Friday is expected to be a very close and exciting competition.

## Premier Shaw To Be Invited To Lay S'ide Cornerstone

SUMMERSIDE—The cornerstone of the new Canadian Legion Home being constructed on Notre Dame Street will be laid in conjunction with Remembrance Day ceremonies Nov. 11th. It was revealed at the monthly meeting of the Summerside Branch of the Canadian Legion in the home.

President Emmett Trainor presided. The Premier W.R. Shaw will be invited to lay the cornerstone. Chairman of the building committee Mercier Mullin reported

that construction is progressing favorably and completion date is set for the end of January at which time officials of Dominion Command will be asked to officiate at the opening.

Membership committee chairman Percy Ramsay told the meeting there are now 520 paid-up members in the branch - while two new applications were approved as well as two transfers.

Following the meeting a film of the 1959 Lobster Carnival was shown.

## Employment Drop Is Story In August

By JOHN LEBLANC  
Canadian Press Staff Writer  
OTTAWA (CP)—Canadian employment began dropping and unemployment began rising—both very gradually—in August, but Canadians at work remained close to the all-time peak.

A top government economist said no particular significance is to be attributed to the fact, shown in government figures Tuesday, that a five-month improvement in the job picture was reversed between July and August.

Though it was the first time in five years that the late-year decline had begun in August, the official noted that it was small and largely made up of a weather-created slip in farm employment.

For the last four years, employment either has remained about constant or risen slightly between July and August, with the seasonal drop beginning in September. In the two years before that, the slip began in August.

The government's monthly survey figures showed that at Aug. 22 the number of persons with jobs had eased down to 6,186,000 from the record 6,206,000 a month earlier. It was still up from the 6,025,000 of August, 1958.

## Castro Hunts Cuban Rebels

By ROBERT BERRELLEZ  
HAVANA (AP)—Cuban troops beat the brush Tuesday for associates of 40 men arrested near the eastern tip of this island on a charge of plotting against the government.

Ex-soldiers made up most of the group arrested Monday night in Oriente province, the cradle of Premier Fidel Castro's rebellion against the Fulgencio Batista dictatorship.

The action centred at Baracoa, a port of 10,000, 80 miles across the windward passage from Hispaniola, whose Dominican and Haitian governments both are viewed with suspicion by Havana.

Capt. Argeo Hernandez, chief of rural police at Baracoa, said the suspects planned to seize the town's airport and blow up a munitions depot. He identified the leader as Miguel Alba, veteran of Batista's defeated army.

**CLEANUP UNDER WAY**  
A cleanup of the rest of the conspirators is under way in the Baracoa area, Hernandez said.

## Interest Rate Seen Problem

HALIFAX (CP)—What to do about the National Housing Act interest rate will be one of the most important decisions to be reached by Parliament at its next session, John Caulfield Smith of Toronto, executive vice-president of the National House Builders Association, told a Rotary Club lunch here Tuesday.

He said the present six per cent rate is so uncompetitive in comparison with yields on other investments that banks and other lending institutions have practically stopped writing NHA mortgages.

Laboratory tests have now proved that liver bile emulsifies fats... actually breaks them down. It is an established fact that when liver bile is added to fatty solids, the fats are broken down and form a smooth, easy-flowing mix.

## ELMER DIFENBAKER DISCUSSES HIS BROTHER

What is the prime minister like as a person? How did he spend his boyhood? These and many other questions you'll want to ask are answered by his brother in this week's Star Weekly.

## ADULT POLIO CLINIC

For 1st, 2nd and 3rd Inoculations  
For O'Leary and Surrounding Districts  
At O'Leary School  
Thurs., Sept. 24—7 to 9:30 p.m.

## THEATRE MONTAGUE

WED.-THUR.  
SEPT. 23-24  
TIME, 8:30 P.M.

## "HELL DRIVERS"

WITH STANLEY BAKER AND PEGGY CUMMINGS  
A Trucking Transport Thriller, also Disney Cartoon.  
COMING FRI.-SAT. "KING OF THE WILD STALLIONS"

## Heroic Rescue Saves Lives Of Two Trapped In Wreck

SUMMERSIDE BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN

Heroic rescue attempts to free two accident victims from a burning car were successful late Monday night at Inverness on the Western Road after the vehicle, parked on the highway, was rammed from behind by a loaded truck.

William Harvey, 44, of Enmore was rushed to the Community Hospital in O'Leary reportedly in serious condition after three men managed to free him along with a passenger, Vernon MacDougall, 15, also of Enmore from the burning car.

Almost superhuman effort was necessary by the three rescuers,

Albert Phillips, John Henry Kilbride, Inverness and Harris Rogers of Coleman to get inside the fiery, mangled wreckage and free the victims.

The truck, owned by Island Seafoods of Borden was reportedly driven by Simon Sampson of River Bourgeois, N.S., who was unhurt. The vehicles broke out in flames shortly after the impact when the fuel tanks were split open and exploded when sparks from the ripping metal ignited the gasoline.

The truck was loaded with live lobsters and iced mackerel and both the truck and cargo as well as the car were a total loss.

The Alberton Fire Department was summoned about 1.15 a.m.

and poured 800 gallons of water into the blaze before extinguishing it.

It is understood a house, near the blaze, was in danger for some time resulting in the call to the fire department.

## Home And School Officers Elected At Fort Augustus

FORT AUGUSTUS—The following slate of officers were elected at the annual meeting of the Fort Augustus Home and School Association, held in Fort Augustus School: President, Mrs. J.D. MacDonald; vice-president, Theresa Corrigan; secretary, Sr. Mary Carmelita, C.S.M.; treasurer, Mrs. Patrick Duffy.

Chairmen of following committees: membership, Earl Hughes; publicity, Mrs. Charles Duffy; program, Sr. Helen Joseph, C.S.M.

A letter from the provincial president, Mrs. Basil MacDonald, was read, in which she stressed increased membership and good program planning. It was decided to have a guest speaker for next meeting.

The retiring president, Mrs. Charles Duffy, reported on the activities of the past year, and after welcoming the new teacher and members expressed the hope that with increased membership much could be accomplished between parents and teachers in the coming year.

**Consumers Seen Spending More**  
VANCOUVER (CP)—A probable upsurge in consumer spending is the key to a big year for Canada in 1959, A. C. Ashforth, president of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, said Tuesday.

Mr. Ashforth, who is also president of the Toronto-Dominion Bank, told the Rotary Club:

"Business conditions are favorable and the outlook for the rest of 1959—and indeed for 1960 as well—is on the bright side.

"To a very great extent the recession is over. The recovery, is proceeding at a pace not so very far off what the experts like to call a boom.

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## Argue Starts Talking Tour

OTTAWA (CP)—Hazen Argue, CCF leader in the Commons, has left the capital on a speaking tour that will take him to many parts of the country.

He left Monday for Kentville, N.S., where he will speak this morning to the Nova Scotia Federation of Labor.

Next week, he will go to Saskatchewan and British Columbia before returning to Hamilton to be guest speaker at the convention banquet of the Ontario CCF Oct. 10.

**SLEEPING SICKNESS**  
SEOUL (AP)—A sleeping sickness known as Japanese B-type encephalitis and transmitted by mosquitoes continued its rampage in Korea Thursday despite maximum efforts by medical authorities to stop its spread.

## CAPITOL - SUMMERSIDE

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\* NO SHORT SUBJECTS



COMING NEXT WEEK  
Audrey Hepburn in  
"THE NUN'S STORY"

## ISLAND BRIEFS

**AT MONTAGUE**  
Mrs. Ralph Philpott, of Windsor, N.S., was a recent weekend guest of Captain and Mrs. A.A. Mosher, Montague.

**VISITED PARENTS**  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mascher and children, Graham and Faye, have returned to Dartmouth, N.S., after spending their vacation in Montague and Bedeque, P.E.I. as guests of their parents, Captain and Mrs. A.A. Mosher, Montague and Mr. and Mrs. George Henderson, Bedeque.

**SENATOR INMAN HOME**  
Senator F. Elsie Inman arrived in Montague on Monday and is the guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. G.S.A. Inman. En route from Ottawa, she visited her son and daughter-in-law, Major and Mrs. Victor Inman and family of Montreal. She also spent some time in Fredericton, N.B., where she was the guest of Senator Muriel Ferguson.

While in Fredericton, Senator Inman attended the meetings of APEC of which she is a member. She also attended the opening of the Lord Beaverbrook Art Gallery.

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