

*Labour Conditions—C.P.R. Strike*

On Monday 7th January Mr. Crump made his reply known through the press. (*Citizen* report of that date attached—Appendix "E").

This summary deals exclusively with communication with or between the two parties to the actual dispute.

**APPENDIX "A"**

## CANADIAN NATIONAL TELEGRAPHS

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Bernard Wilson, Director of Industrial Relations Dept of Labour Ottawa

Telegraphic strike vote of general grievances committees BLFE on CPR QCR DAR unanimously in favor of strike action in current dispute with company. Withdrawal from service authorize effective four PM January Second

W E GAMBLE

CPR QCR DAR PM BLFE

**APPENDIX "B"**

## CANADIAN PACIFIC TELEGRAPHS

Ottawa, December 27, 1956.

Mr. N. R. Crump,  
President,  
Canadian Pacific Railway Company,  
Windsor Street Station,  
Montreal, Que.

Due to urgency of railway dispute situation I am inviting Mr. Gamble and you to meet with me at my office Confederation Building at eleven thirty Saturday morning December twenty-ninth. Please confirm. I do not propose to give publicity to this invitation.

MILTON F. GREGG

## CANADIAN PACIFIC TELEGRAPHS

Ottawa, December 27, 1956.

Mr. W. E. Gamble,  
Vice-President,  
Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen & Engineers,  
802 Castle Bldg., 1410 Stanley St.,  
Montreal, Que.

Due to urgency of railway dispute situation I am inviting Mr. Crump and you to meet with me at my office Confederation Building at eleven thirty Saturday morning December twenty-ninth. Please confirm. I do not propose to give publicity to this invitation.

MILTON F. GREGG

Following replies received:

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Montreal Que  
December 28, 1956.

Hon. Milton F. Gregg,  
Minister of Labor,  
Ottawa, Ont.  
C/) GTC RUSH

Will be glad to attend meeting your office 11.30 tomorrow morning (stop) from your wire I presume Mr. Gamble will not be accompanied by his negotiating committee

N R CRUMP

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Montreal Que  
December 27, 1956.

Milton F Gregg  
Ministry of Labor  
Confederation Bldg  
Ottawa

Your wire today I am pleased to accept your invitation to meet with you and Mr. Crump at your office at 11.30 Saturday morning December twenty ninth

W E GAMBLE  
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**APPENDIX "C"**

The following wire was sent to the two parties Jan. 2 by Mr. Howe:

"Although Mr. Gregg and I are being undated this morning with demands that the strike be stopped we know it is not necessary to emphasize again to you that the cessation of train service on the Canadian Pacific Railway Lines resulting from the withdrawal from service of the locomotive firemen scheduled to take effect this afternoon will give rise to very serious inconvenience and hardship to many Canadian communities serviced by Canadian Pacific Railway lines as well as serious disruption in movement of grain, fuel and other essential commodities. The action will also affect the employment of many thousands of railway workers not directly involved in the strike as well as of workers in other industries. In all the circumstances we strongly urge you to give favourable consideration to the proposal explored during our discussions namely that strike action be cancelled forthwith and that the diesel issue be separated from the other matters in dispute and submitted to an independent tribunal for disposition and that the parties continue negotiations for settlement of other issues involved in the contract dispute. Same wire sent to Mr. Crump (Mr. Gamble). I would be glad to have your reply."