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Meat Packers Returning to Work: Canada's strike-gripped meat packing plants appeared headed Tuesday for resumption of normal operations as more than 1,000 workers returned to their jobs Monday in seven independent plants in Western Canada.

On top of this trickle of workers back to employment from the total 14,000 involved in the over-all strike, there was the promise that another 1,950 workers in four plants in Toronto, Montreal, Edmonton and Winnipeg might return to work Tuesday.

The back-to-work movement which started Monday involved the Public Abattoir Limited, Farmers' Abattoir Company and St. Boniface Abattoir, Limited, at St. Boniface, Man.; Brandon Packers, Limited at Brandon, Man.; the Intercontinental Packers, Limited, and the Empire Meat Company at Saskatoon; and the Pacific Meat Co., of Vancouver.

In Toronto, one of Swift Canadian's plants is to reopen Tuesday with about 800 workers returning to their jobs. In Montreal, another 150 Swift employees will return to work either Tuesday or Wednesday morning. Approximately 300 workers in the Gainers plant at Edmonton and 700 in the Swift plant in Winnipeg also are to end their walkout Tuesday. (CP)

Threatening Rail Strike: Canadian railroads late Monday received notice that approximately 125,000 of their employees in 17 unions - with the exception of railway express department employees and telegraphers - "will concertedly and peacefully withdraw" from their service November 3 at 8 a.m. in a demand for two weeks' annual vacation with pay.

Shortly afterwards the Canadian National Railways and Canadian Pacific Railway Company said in a joint statement that a meeting to discuss the matter will be held Tuesday afternoon with union leaders. (CP)

Mr. Gregg wins byelection: With 112 out of 136 polls counted this morning, standing in the York-Sunbury byelection of Monday was; Minister of Fisheries Milton Gregg, (L) 10,255; Lt. Gen. E.W. Sanson, (PC) 6,617; Murray Young, (CCF) 2,773 votes.

The result raised the Liberal standing in the House of Commons to 127, against a total of 118 for all other parties.

The present House standing now, according to Canadian Press tabulation, is as follows:

Liberals, 127; Progressive Conservatives, 66; C.C.F., 28; Social Credit, 13; Independent, four; Bloc Populaire, two; Independent Liberal, one; Independent Progressive Conservative, one; Independent C.C.F., one; L'Union des Electeurs, one; vacant, one (Yale, B.C.). Total 245. (CP)